

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: Li-Hai KATZ  
Serial No.: 10/520,405  
Attorney Docket No.: 1405-US  
Filed: January 6, 2005  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STOPPING  
AND DISSOLVING ACOUSTICALLY ACTIVE  
PARTICLES IN FLUID

Examiner: James H. Alstrum-Acevedo  
Group Art Unit: 1616

## RESPONSE

Mail Stop: Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2008.

Referring specifically to the Office Action, restriction to one of the following Groups was required under 35 USC 121 and 372:

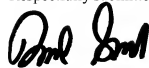
- I. Claims 1-27 are drawn to a method for neutralizing acoustically active particles immersed in a flowing fluid;
- II. Claim 28-48 are drawn to an ultrasonic system

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Applicant provisionally elects without traverse the species of "a method for neutralizing acoustically active particles immersed in a flowing fluid," on which the claims of Group I, claims 1-27, are readable. Applicant hereby conditionally withdraws claims 28-48 from prosecution, without prejudice, and requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501380 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required for entry of this paper, and to credit any overpayment thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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